

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, September 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker, and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chairman; County Commissioner Cheryl Wilson; David Coleman, Budget Director; Mike Matteson and Ann Haines, Planning Department; William Andrews and Floyd Heflin, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, Randy Hickman and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier, Collier Engineering; Philip Jones, Tentara Parners, Inc.; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the August 1, 2007 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Supt. Hood stated that the final inspection of the Natchez Trace Passive Park road construction will be this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. with visitors expected from the Natchez Parkway Association from Tupelo, Mississippi.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll stated that they did not make the Franklin Planning Commission submission for August due to the landscaping plan, but should be able to submit in time for the October meeting.

There was discussion about the City of Franklin wanting to put a road through the Highway property. Since this property contains an active quarry, such would be a safety issue that needs to be resolved, Supt. Hood stated.

Commissioner Tyson asked if the City would have condemnation power over the County.

Mr. Cook stated that generally the City would not have authority over the County.

Request for Arno Road improvements for Laurel Cove Subdivision. There was discussion amongst the Commissioners about the changes not being completely implemented in the submitted plans. Mr. Collier stated that many changes had been made to the plans since the last meeting; however, some of the more recent changes, like replacement bridges, have not been submitted to show the hydraulics, stated Mr. Collier.

Mr. Philip Jones, Tentara Partners, Inc., stated that many improvements have been made and the few other items can be implemented into the plans in the next 48 hours. Mr. Jones stated he would like to receive a conditional approval at this meeting. Further, he stated that conversations with the landowners about the needed easements had taken place and the landowners were prepared to sign once the plans are prepared. Mr. Jones stated that they would like to move forward with the road improvements which would make the road safer.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Cook for guidance.

Mr. Cook stated he would suggest consulting the review engineer as to his recommendation.

Mr. Collier stated that he had no problem at reviewing the plans later after the changes were made; however, in other recent cases, the Highway Commission had asked for the completed documents first.

Supt. Hood asked about building a detour while the new bridges were being constructed.

Mr. Collier stated that he had received more detailed plans which showed a 22' detour through the Laurel Cove property along with a significant traffic control plan showing drainage, etc.

Supt. Hood stated that while he realizes the developers are ready to get started, he would prefer to see the complete detailed plans first.

Commissioner Bennett moved to defer action on this item until the completed paperwork is reviewed by the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion to defer passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 9-07-2. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN KINNARD SPRINGS, SECTION 3, AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF CARTERS CREEK PIKE.** Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Mr. Andrews stated that staff recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 9-07-3. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN LAUREL HILL AS PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF WEST HARPETH ROAD.** Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Mr. Andrews stated the staff recommended approval of the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Request for approval of entry/roadway improvements at Chardonay Subdivision. Commissioner Fowlkes stated he had no problems with the proposed improvements but understands that staff has an issue with the decel lane.

Mr. Heflin stated that this would be in front of the Planning Commission this month. In similar situations in the past, he continued, a deceleration lane has been requested and even though it doesn't meet warrants utilized by the Planning Commission, a left turn lane is often added.

Mr. Heflin and Mr. Collier stated that with the addition of the decel lane and adjusting the length of the taper, they would recommend approval with those revisions. Supt. Hood concurred.

There was discussion about this being a different situation than the Arno Road/Laurel Cove plans where an entire length of road was being realigned as this was just a subdivision entrance.

Mr. David Coode, Kimley-Horn, explained the position of the Chardonay Subdivision and the time constraints they are under.

Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he understood the timing problem and asked for staff to give their recommendation.

Mr. Heflin stated that since this was just an entrance rather than rebuilding a county road, perhaps conceptual approval could be given and the final plans could be brought back later.

Mr. Collier stated that he agreed that the Laurel Cove situation was different than this one and approving the concept now and the final plan later would allow them to move forward.

Mr. Heflin explained the Planning Commission process and stated that Supt. Hood will still have to issue a right-of-way work permit once the plans are finalized and approved.

Supt. Hood stated that under these circumstances, he is fine with approval today.
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Commissioner Fowlkes moved for conditional approval of the plans subject to the Highway Superintendent's approval of the changes in the decal lane extension and tape on the west side of the subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Tyson.

County Commissioner Cheryl Wilson stated she was fine with the decision.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

District Reports: There were no reports.

Superintendent Report: Supt. Hood referenced the August 2007 Activity Report and the temporary parking lot that the Highway Department is constructing for Williamson Medical Center on Carothers Road.

Chair Anderson stated that the hospital will be reimbursing the County.

Chairman's Report: The chair had no report.

Legal Issues: At this time, the Highway Commission recessed to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

The meeting reconvened with a discussion about replacing the bridge on Southall Road. Supt. Hood stated that approximately ½ acre was needed from property owners and he needed permission to negotiate the value of the land. Supt. Hood stated that this bridge had been there since 1946 and was in need of replacement.

Mr. Cook stated that permission was needed to negotiate for additional right-of-way.

After further discussion, Commissioner Tyson moved to give Supt. Hood permission to negotiate with the property owners for the land on Southall Road in order to replace the bridge, seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Cook explained that a clarification was needed with regard to the Highway construction process (as attached to these minutes) in order to coincide with applicable Tennessee Codes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the clarification, seconded by Commission Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m., upon duly made motion and second, as there was no further business.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor